

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Merilee Barber addressing the Commissioners concerning her role as County Agent with Apex Benefits. Ms. Barber expressed her appreciation of the trust the County has shown her over the last several years but she has decided to step down as the County Agent. Toni Stinson with Apex Benefits then addressed the Commissioners to reassure them that she and her team will be here for the county. The Commissioners all thanked Ms. Barber for her service and wished her well going forward.

Next on the agenda were Jim Reeves, County Road Superintendent and Brad Bender with FPBH, Inc. with asphalt bids. The bids had been opened at 3 p.m. with Mr. Reeves, Mr. Bender and the Auditor in attendance with the two companies who bid representatives.

The two companies bidding were Dave O'Mara Contractor and Milestone Contractors. O'Mara's total bid was \$928,822.45 and Milestone's total bid was \$1,048,582.35. The bids included work on 14 roads in the county; only 3 roads or projects were awarded at the meeting.

Bob Willhite made a motion to award the 3 projects to Dave O'Mara Contractor to be finished by the end of 2017. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next were bids for a front end loader for the highway and they were as follows:

Case – Wilson Equipment 544K John Deere High Lift \$ 166,900

Case – Wilson Equipment 721G \$171,000

Hyundai HL856 \$149,439

Hyundai HL 955 \$159,549

Westside 624 K \$184,400

CMC KCM 7027B \$157,294.51

Westside 624 K \$186,400

JCB 4372XT4F \$167,417.29

Westside 624 K High Lift \$189,700

CAT 938 M \$190,565.10

Bob Willhite made a motion to table the bids until next meeting to give Jim Reeves a change to look over the bids. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next on the agenda was Peggy Roe with the Health Department talking about a new vaccine program called VaxCare. VaxCare works with health departments, rural health centers, FQHC's and independent practices to maximize their immunization programs by removing the financial risk and decreasing the manual effort. VaxCare has partnered with almost half of the entire county health department in Indiana. These partnerships help serve those in their communities who have health insurance but are having trouble finding somewhere to get vaccinated. They offer free vaccines, inventory management and risk free monthly payment to the county. They provide free needles, syringes and alcohol wipe pads. Mrs. Roe believes that this program will help them reach more people and they will be able to go into the schools. Mrs. Roe is asking the Commissioners approval to proceed with this new program.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve the request from the Health Department to enter into contract with the VaxCare program. Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was Brandon Lynn with Colonial Life addressing the Commissioners about the benefits of having his company working with their employees. Mr. Lynn stated that his team can help the Commissioners design a flexible employee benefits package that fits the needs of the employees. His team will come to the worksite and spend 1 to 1 time with each employee to provide simple, straightforward advice about the benefits they have – and those they may need to fit their individual lifestyles and budgets. Mr. Lynn stated that they engage employees to get them thinking about their benefit needs and options. They educate each employee on all of his or her benefit options and provide each with a personalized benefits statement. They use surveys and report cards that will give the Commissioners an honest employee feedback about the benefit counselors and the 1 to 1 sessions.

Matt Sporleder thanked Mr. Lynn for coming and the information and instructed Sherri Williams to send out a questionnaire to employees to see if anyone would be interested in switching.

Next Jerry Shepherd, EMA Director, came before the Commissioners requesting his position to be a full time position. Mr. Shepherd stated that Homeland Security is going to have more grants available in 2018 and it takes time and lots of paperwork to apply for these grants which will be a benefit to the county.

Bob Willhite made a motion to bring Jerry Shepherd on as full time EMA Director as of 1-1-2018 with an annual salary of \$45,000. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Sherri Williams, HR Director, stated that she had received a quote from FPBH, Inc. for the ADA Compliance drawings for \$14,400. This is for the high priority items needed completed for the

Courthouse, Annex and Superior Court Probation areas. Brad Bender said it would probably take \$100,000 to have the work done for these projects.

Bob Willhite made a motion to allow FPBH, Inc. to begin the drawings for the ADA projects. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Sherri Williams asked if the monies to complete the project would be taken from the bond or cum courthouse or if the monies in LIT could be used. Auditor Vance stated she would check with state of whether the LIT money could be used or not.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table this decision until next meeting. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to approve payroll and claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:



Kay Sue Vance, Auditor



Matt Sporleder, President



Robert Willhite



David Lane

**JENNINGS COUNTY COMMISSIONER MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 2017 6:30 P.M.**

The meeting was opened with Matt Sporleder leading the pledge to the flag.

First on the agenda was Greg Stewart with Priority Engineering concerning the purchase of a scanning machine that the Auditor and Recorder were interested in acquiring to scan documents in their offices. The purchase of the equipment would be \$40,750.00 and that is the scanner, software, 1 year warranty, delivery, setup and training on the machine. Mr. Stewart said he would recommend the 3 year Municipal lease which includes maintenance for 3 years which would be \$1325.00 a month. During this 3 year time period the unit is fully covered for all service, parts, training, software updates and online support. Auditor Vance stated that she spent from \$3500 to \$5000 annually to have the books rebound but the pages are fading and she saw a demonstration of this scanner at Jefferson County and it was unbelievable how clear the pictures were of faded pages. Auditor Vance stated that she and the Recorder would be paying for this out of their funds. Mr. Stewart mentioned that they would deliver the scanner and when it needed to be moved; they would come and move it and set it up and train the person if necessary.

Bob Willhite made a motion to purchase the scanner on a 36 Municipal lease; Dave Lane seconded the motion. Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Jim Reeves, County Road Superintendent, was next with the bids for the front end loader for the highway. The bids were opened at the last Commissioner meeting and Mr. Reeves took them to look over and came back with his recommendations. Mr. Reeves stated that if the Commissioners did not accept one of these bids then the County would have to rebid for the loader. A couple of the machines were made overseas and Mr. Reeves voiced a concern about servicing; he would prefer to purchase one that could be serviced within the area.

Bob Willhite made a motion to purchase the Case 721G with scales and options for \$187,774.00. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Next was a Mr. Richard Shevitz with Cohen and Malad out of Indianapolis coming to talk to the Commissioners about the Opioid crisis at hand. His firm has recently been hired by Benton County and the city of Indianapolis they believe that the problem lays with the manufacturing of the drug. Mr. Shevitz wanted to see if the Commissioners would be interested in retaining them to represent Jennings County. Mr. Shevitz stressed that they would only be paid if damages were recovered.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table until the next meeting. Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Susie Hall was next on behalf of the Animal Control Board; which she is President, came to inform the Commissioners that the board had to hire a new Officer. Tami Perry has injured her back and is off and unable to perform her work duties for unforeseen time. Mrs. Hall apologized that they were not able to get with the Commissioners earlier but the need was immediate and a candidate became available.

Bob Willhite made a motion to fill the position; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

The Commissioners thanked Susie Hall for her dedication and never ending help with the Humane Society.

Next was Sherri Williams, HR/ADA Coordinator for the County, to address the Commissioners concerning the insurance coverage for the county employees in 2018. Ms. Williams told the Commissioners that she had received 5 bids and she was bringing two recommendations for the Commissioners to consider. Apex Benefits and Shepherd Insurance are the two presentations tonight.

The first presentation is Toni Stinson with Apex Benefits, the county's current provider. Ms. Stinson told the Commissioners that she has enjoyed the partnership with the county and hopes to continue that partnership. Ms. Stinson stated that the insurance would increase 2.7% but the deductions would be less. Single policy \$3,000 and Family \$6,000 instead of the \$5,000 and \$10,000. A prescription plan is not included in the pricing up front. There is a RX Center that has a \$50 monthly fee and can help with the more expensive prescriptions as far as finding generic or coupons to lower costs. The clinic located in Seymour is now managed by Schneck. The plan is through United Health Care and the employee's primary care provider has to do a referral to a specialist for it to be covered. Mrs. Stinson's proposal would cost \$1,095,000.

Next was Lori Brown with Shepherd Insurance and her presentation also included United Health Care showing a 13% increase. Mrs. Shepherd stated she had been in contact with the Jennings County Schools and had been told they would welcome the county's participation in the clinic. The clinic has a doctor and nurse practitioner available and meds would be free. The costs would be approximately \$21 per employee a month so around \$100,000 annually for the county. There are also 270 doctors in the area in this plan with United Health Care. Mrs. Brown stated that if awarded the contract; she would go back to United Health Care and negotiate the 13% increase. Mrs. Brown is confident that she could lower the cost. Mrs. Brown's proposal would cost \$1,267,207.

Bob Willhite made a motion to table this decision until next meeting; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Sheriff Gary Driver informed the Commissioners that there were two situations at the jail that he was concerned about health coverage. The Sheriff stated that he had an inmate who had an apparent heart attack and another inmate who attempted hanging. The Sheriff's concern was who was responsible for any bills for the hospitals. Sheriff Driver stated he thought the county would be responsible and Sherri Williams said that if the inmate had insurance it would go there first.

Bob Willhite made to approve prior minutes; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Bob Willhite made a motion to sign claims; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.


Bob Willhite made a motion to adjourn; Dave Lane seconded the motion and Matt Sporleder made it unanimous. Motion passed.

Attest:


Kay Sue Vance, Auditor


Matt Sporleder, President


Robert Willhite


David Lane